

CAE Fund – Snowdonia National Park Authority

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Sustainable development is seen as an increasingly important issue – the Johannesburg World Summit in 2002 focussed the world's attention on ways of improving peoples' lives and conserving our natural resources – but what does it mean in practical terms? In Snowdonia, the CAE fund enables people to put sustainability into practice at a local level.

For the past four years the Snowdonia National Park Authority has been supporting and funding sustainable development projects that will improve the quality of life in and around the National Park.

The Park Authority and the Wales Assembly Government launched a further three-year fund called CAE (the Environment Development Fund) worth £250,000 a year until March 2006. This fund is aimed at demonstrating what sustainable development can actually look like in action, supporting exciting and innovative projects which demonstrate economic, environmental and community benefits within and around Snowdonia National Park.

CAE has supported over 100 wide-ranging projects such as: establishing a tree nursery; helping to market local lamb; recycling natural waste; the promotion of wildlife gardening; setting up a rural community resource centre and cycle track initiatives.

Authority staff are working with people and communities to develop and support a wealth of ideas which help to make sustainability something that we can all understand and put into practice.

Interested applicants should contact Ifer Gwyn, CAE Project Officer, (01766 772252) for more information.